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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.
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RE: In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Eunice, Louisiana, is home to a fabulous community college, the World Championship Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off, the Cajun Music Hall of Fame and the Liberty Center for the Performing Arts. We are very proud of our history, wonderful community, and way of life. So many people in our town work hard to improve both the personal and professional lives of our citizens, including the Eunice Committee on Economic Development. As the chair of this organization, I try to identify means that best support their economic needs and best enhance the potential for growth and development. This requires a tailored approach since we live in a small town that has different technological and broadband capabilities than other areas.

While big cities may be wireless 'hot spots' where LTE service is the norm, the city of Eunice is a rural community that does not share these characteristics. This diminishes economic growth and progress because our businesses, particularly the small ones that thrive in our town, cannot compete on the same level as those in the larger towns. They can't respond to customer emails quickly, receive suppliers' calls in certain parts of town, or find wireless internet in coffee shops or other client meeting locations.

The town of Eunice, Louisiana, as a whole would greatly benefit from the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. With promises of expanding the wireless network to almost all Americans, AT&T's services would help enhance innovation, growth, and progress in our small town. Please take this merger into serious consideration. I look forward to hearing your final decision.

Sincerely,

Don Reber, Chair
Eunice, Louisiana, Committee on Economic Development
CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker